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TO AMEMBASSY MANILA FLASH

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TAGS: PFOR, RP

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

FOR THE AMBASSADOR

1. PLEASE DELIVER IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE
PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT FERDINAND MARCOS. IF RECIPIENT NOT
AVAILABLE, DELIVER TO HIGHEST OFFICIAL AVAILABLE.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: AS I ASSUME THE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENCY OF THE UNITED STATES, I AM AS ONE
OF MY FIRST ACTS WRITING TO YOU TO ASSURE YOU OF THE
IMPORTANCE WHICH I PERSONALLY ATTACH TO THE RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. IN PARTICULAR, I WANT TO
AFFIRM THAT I AM FULLY COMMITTED TO HONORING ALL THE
TREATIES, AGREEMENTS AND UNDERSTANDINGS WHICH EXIST BETWEEN
THE UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES.

FOR THREE-QUARTERS OF A CENTURY THE PEOPLES OF OUR
TWO COUNTRIES HAVE ENJOYED UNCOMMON FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL
RESPECT. THIS RELATIONSHIP, FORTIFIED BY THE SHARED
BITTER EXPERIENCES OF WAR, HAS GROWN EVEN STRONGER
SINCE YOUR COUNTRY ACHIEVED ITS INDEPENDENCE. I ASSURE

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YOU THAT I AM FIRMLY DEDICATED TO THE FURTHER STRENGTHENING

OF THE BONDS THAT EXIST BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINES AND THE

UNITED STATES. MY ADMINISTRATION FULLY INTENDS TO WORK
CLOSELY WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT SO THAT BOTH OUR PEOPLES
MAY ENJOY FREEDOM, PROSPERITY AND THE BLESSINGS OF
PEACE IN THE WORLD.

IN THESE IMPORTANT ENDEAVORS, I WILL HAVE THE FIRM
SUPPORT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER, IN WHOM I HAVE THE
GREATEST CONFIDENCE. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. END
TEXT. KISSINGER

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